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NEW EDITION

"The Second Mile"

by Alec Churcher

This standard work on the theory and practice of Job-mastery has a new set of illustrations and an Appendix on Toc H Volunteers. From Area staff and Toc H Publications Dept. 3s. (postage 6d.).

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Our 6d. Jubilee ballpoint pens proved so very successful that we are continuing to sell them, but with a different inscription: "Toc H Spells Friendship". Same price - 6d. each; cheaper by the gross - 48s. post free, from Toc H Publications Department.

CARRY ON STALLING!

By now everyone must know about the Toc H Family Stall at the **Westminster Abbey Market and Fair** in Dean's Yard, from **July 19-23**. This is a joint Toc H/Women's Association effort for the benefit of the Family Purse. All sorts of articles and handicrafts are wanted. For further details see April Journal or write, Toc H Family Stall, c/o Crutched Friars House, London, E.C.3.

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COVER PICTURE: HISTORIC VISIT—During the State Visit to Belgium Her Majesty the Queen, Patron of Toc H, visited Poperinge on May 13 specially to see the birthplace of Toc H. Here she is seen leaving Talbot House; behind her, left to right, are the Hon. Angus Ogilvy, Vice-Patron of Toc H; His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh; His Majesty King Baudouin of the Belgians; and the Founder Padre of Toc H, the Rev. 'Tubby' Clayton. A full account of the visit will appear in the July Journal.

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INTO THE POOL

A SERIOUS THREAT to the very existence of voluntary and religious societies is implicit in the new Payroll Tax which is due to come into effect in November. It is estimated that the direct impact on

A Tax on Toc H

Toc H will be an increase in expenditure, including that on Marks and Services Clubs, of over £10,000 a year. The National Council of Social Service is doing its best on behalf of all charities and voluntary bodies to persuade the Government to relent, but so far the CHANCELLOR has shown little sympathy. No less an authority than Sir GEOFFREY CROWTHER wrote in a recent letter to *The Times*, "Any scheme which puts a crippling burden on schools, hospitals, charities, artistic and cultural enterprises, and out of the proceeds pays subsidies to the publishers of dirty books and the makers of gambling machines, is an outrage against morality." We agree entirely and members who feel as we do should try all they can to bring pressure of opinion to bear in our defence.

EACH MAUNDY THURSDAY a ceremony takes place which can be traced back to at least A.D. 600 and which commemorates the washing of the disciples' feet at the Last Supper. As many

The Royal Maundy

elderly men and women as the Sovereign has years receive a bounty which includes, besides specially minted coins, a sum of money in lieu of the food and clothing formerly given. The recipients are selected as "people of very good character who have rendered a lifetime of voluntary service to their local church or community" and we are proud to record that this year two Toc H members were among those chosen to receive the gifts from Her Majesty the QUEEN (our Patron) in Westminster Abbey. They were C. G. MISSELBROOK, parish clerk

at All Hallows for more than sixty-five years, and F. W. ('Ole Jim') COLE, who has given long and devoted service to Toc H and to his church at Highams Park.

IT MAY COME AS A SURPRISE to many members that waste paper still fetches money. It does in Kent, anyway, as "PIT" PITKIN of Tonbridge Branch has discovered. Last year, by collecting old newsprint, glossy magazines and cardboard they raised £26 to share between LEPRA and the Family Purse.

Now he is trying to rope in all forty-four Branches in Kent. The waste-paper merchant is willing to take waste paper from all of them provided the collections can be co-ordinated, and Pit's target is £1,000 a year. At £5 a ton for newsprint and magazines, and £6 for cardboard he reckons it can be done.

OWING TO A CLASH of dates and loyalties with the Westminster Abbey celebrations, the Garden Fête held annually in Regent's Park will not be taking place this year. This event

Toc H/Lepra is not being discontinued but as so many Branches and individuals who normally support it are committed to the Abbey functions, it is felt that a sufficiently attractive afternoon's entertainment could not be provided by the resources available. It is hoped that in 1967 an even better Garden Fête will be arranged and with this in mind "The Holme" has again been provisionally booked for Saturday 22 July, 1967. Make a note of the date now!

THERE IS MUCH stimulating stuff to be found in the overseas Toc H magazines, and the April issue of *The Compass* of South Africa is no exception. It contains a long extract from

Drawing Together

a very moving address by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Durban on "Human Dignity and Race Relations", a plea for greater effort on the part of white South African Christians to get to know non-whites as persons. Archbishop HURLEY is rightly held in great affection by members of all the denominations; he is also a staunch supporter of Botha's Hill. A few years ago an Anglican clergyman friend was pulling his leg because he had recently moved his headquarters into a rather posh house. "Ah well", said the Archbishop, "You have your better halves; we are entitled to our better quarters!" And speaking of better halves, the same issue has an article by Padre HARRY DEVIS on practical steps towards the integration of men's and women's Toc H which may strike a chord with the protagonists of integration over here. (*The Compass*, annual subscription from Toc H South Africa, 10s; single copies from H.Q. London, 1s.)

State of the Nation

II—What Goes West?

'CHOPSTICKS'

AS AN OLD MEMBER of the Family, now permanently resident in the Far East, may I congratulate you on bringing *The Times* leader home to members? All too often we tend to compartmentalise religion, politics and the rest, and try to make sure that never those twain shall meet.

Living as I do in a completely different situation, amongst people of other racial and religious backgrounds and in the aftermath of upheaval and civil war, it seems incredible when I come back to Britain to find how fundamentally different my outlook has become. Instead of feeling at home and being able to snuggle comfortably into the mass, as it were, I find that I stick out like a sore thumb.

Here at home the 1939 war was something that had to be suffered in a long drawn out slogging match in which everyone was personally involved. No longer a war of the armies that was going on quite separately elsewhere, but a grim struggle for survival on the Home Front. Mass destruction threatened; defeat meant the loss of a whole way of life. And when it was over there remained the grim business of putting the pieces together and picking up the threads again, reuniting families and trying to rebuild the way of life we had fought so hard to keep. Which is where the trouble started. For us it was the return to the old ways—rebuild and carry on again, business as usual.

In the East the heavens had fallen and the stars had changed their courses. The older order had melted away, the old days were gone for ever. Since the war the vast majority of these people have control over their own affairs,

some have been granted independence from colonial powers, some took it, some have fought amongst themselves to wrest power from the war lords and some are still in the throes of indecision. But throughout the East a new vitality throbs and pulses.

In Singapore a new worker's flat becomes ready for occupation every forty-five minutes round the clock, and has done for several years past. A complete new harbour is being built on the other side of the island, with scrap-yards, a steel mill, shipyards and industrial complex. At Penang, six new deep water berths and a sugar refinery, and all over Malaysia new houses, schools and industrial estates are mushrooming up. Hong Kong physically doubles in size every few years.

Children and young people are everywhere, for fifty per cent of the population is under twenty-one years of age and education is a major industry. Most people speak several languages and have a correspondingly wide field of interests. Factories work full shifts, some of them continuous, so that a machine will produce three or four times that of its equivalent over here. So what you are up against is not cheap labour but better utilisation, a machine being written off and replaced with a more efficient one after a few years, or prices reduced.

The pace at which things move and the energy of the people are a direct contrast to what I find here at home. I am appalled, there is no other word that I can use, by the attitude and outlook of leaders in all walks of life. Most seem to be completely unaware that the world has changed at all! One would think that there was still a British Empire with 'commitments' east of Suez to which a gun-boat could be sent. Politicians of all parties seem much more concerned with getting into Parliament than with getting to grips with the situation, and it doesn't seem to make much difference which party is in office anyway.

Trade Union leaders and officers talk and act as though the depression of the twenties could happen again tomorrow, and for the same reasons. And some of us seem happy so long as Toc H will last our time too! So what?

Basically, the new Asian nations are at the stage we had reached between the wars. Then there was an answer to the problem if only we could find it and it was possible for me as a person to do something about it. That is why we were in Toc H, the Terriers or the Left Book Club, to think and work and act in the knowledge that we could challenge our generation and bring home to men and women that behind the ebb and flow of things temporal stood the eternal realities. We saw the vision and were caught up in the reality. But now we know the answers and the Welfare State has killed all the dragons, only the windmills are left for the cranks to tilt at.

Your old men shall dream dreams but your young men shall see visions. How right the old prophet was! That is the choice before us now, to be caught up in the vision or to sit back content in a dream world. And from the outside looking in, it looks as though you've had it, chums.

Ernie says:



CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

PRESSING BUSINESS

THE EDITOR

A report on the annual meeting of the Central Council held at The Hayes, Swanwick, Derbys, April 29 to May 1

LAST YEAR'S REPORT of the Central Council meeting gloated over the special Golden Jubilee weather laid on for us at High Leigh. This year our accustomed haunt, Swanwick, greeted us in the spirit of "anything they can do we can do better" with three days of blazing sunshine, some consolation for the fact that several familiar faces were not with us, including TUBBY himself. Now out of hospital and convalescing with friends in Sussex, he sent this message to the Council:—

M.Os. here tell me that I must not come to the A.G.M. I long to be at Swanwick. I know I am no use in the main hall. But I much miss the bedroom to which a handful of Councillors can come for quiet friendship. You are my joy. I long to know you all. God watch between us. Always. Tubby.

P.S. If we would build truly, we must be willing to build slowly and prayerfully, and test the task, as it proceeds. We must be prepared to build in close team-spirit, and merge our efforts in the common good. Beware of rush. Little by little are the stones of the spiritual house fitted into their places. Our flag on the Old House. *Nisi dominus frustra.*

To this the Council sent a reply of loving greetings.

The Friday evening was allocated to the young brigade from our Projects Centre—JENNY DAY, JOHN MITCHELL and KENNETH PRIDEAUX-BRUNE. With the visual aid of a projector, John traced with colour slides the growth of special Projects from the first effort at Spurn Point in 1961 to the present wide range of annual commitments, from Birmingham slums to the Bovey Tracy Nature Reserve, from Cheshire Homes in Britain to de Lovie in Belgium. Jenny followed this with the developing story of Mobile Action and Pioneer groups, and Kenneth summed up this effective

exercise in public relations by suggesting what Branches could do to encourage the good work: (a) Find new, interesting projects to tackle; (b) see that a higher proportion of the young volunteers are recruited through Toc H; (c) promote more combined Toc H-Mobile Action jobs; (d) start Mobile Action groups; (e) provide men with the ability to help these young groups in a pastoral/interpretative rôle, guiding without leading. The effect of all this would depend upon the ability of the older members to make Toc H attractive to younger folk. To succeed might result in a time of real renewal.

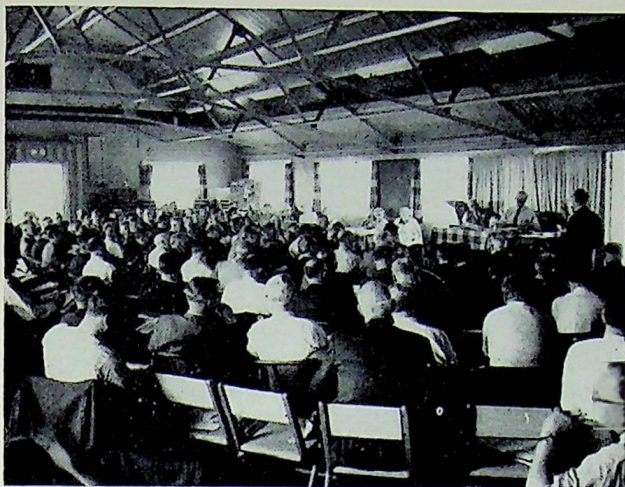
On the Saturday morning S. GEORGE H. DAVIS was, with acclamation, re-appointed Honorary Administrator for a further two years. 'DOC' MITCHELL, proposing, paid tribute to George's energy and enthusiasm and HARRY MILLS, seconding, said how fortunate we were to have a man who was held in such high esteem in the business world.

Toc H Film

Arising from last year's business, S. G. H. DAVIS (*Hon. Administrator*) said that investigation had shown that the cost of a professionally produced 25 to 30 minute film of the requisite standard would cost anything from £5,000 to £20,000. So far it had not been possible to find a commercial sponsor for such a film, though the search continued and any suggestions would be welcome. Meanwhile he commended Branches to the cheaper, though still very effective, use of colour slides with commentaries.

The Annual Report

Introducing the Annual Report the Administrator likened it in form to the Queen's Speech at the recent opening of Parliament. Overseas affairs were much in our own minds too, as we had shown by our willingness to lend staff for overseas assignments. It need hardly be said that we too were seriously concerned to restore equilibrium in the balance of payments! We too had a National Plan, the Malhan Report, which the Council would be considering later.



Coats off to it. The Council in session.

Housing policy in our case meant the assuming of greater responsibility for Marks by local Marks Committees. The Central Guard of the Lamp had now recognised that Marks were in themselves a valid expression of Toc H and there was no prime necessity for a 'Mark Branch' of the traditional type. In the past local Toc H had nearly always shunted the Marks into a siding and there was a danger that the same might happen to the newer expressions of Toc H such as the youth activities and City Centres. Councillors could do much to bring home to their members the opportunities there for the taking.

We must be willing to fit ourselves to meet the changing patterns of life by training in new techniques. Dor Knap had come into our life at a strategic time and we needed to make full use of this and other training centres.

George ended with some thought-provoking extracts from a recent letter from a previous Administrator, HUBERT SECRETAN. We hope to publish the essence of it in a future issue.

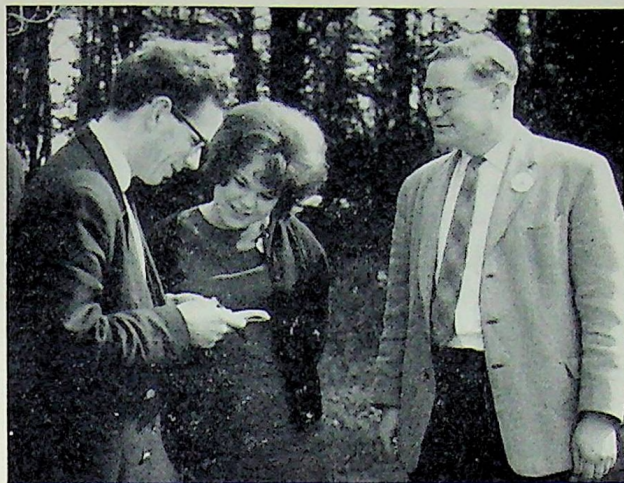
The Accounts

The Hon. Treasurer, STANLEY BERWICK, introduced the Accounts. He pointed out that the present annual target of 52s. per head, still not quite reached after nearly a decade, was no longer realistic. It was right that in a Movement such as ours we should always be ready to go forward in faith and therefore the Administrator, up to now, had not been prevented by financial strictures from taking on fresh staff when new opportunities had presented themselves. Nevertheless the loss this year of £15,517 would have been more difficult to bear by borrowing had not some of it been offset by the selling at a profit of surplus land, investments and staff houses, thus reducing the drain on our general purposes fund to only £4,787. This selling of land and properties that were inherited from the past could not continue; the present day membership must face up to its own responsibilities.

DONALD LOCKHART (*Cent. Exec.*) seconding the Accounts, reminded the Council that it was just forty years since a new Central Councillor called Stanley Berwick had appeared on the scene. The Council joined wholeheartedly in an expression of gratitude to Stan for his tremendous devotion to Toc H in all those years.

In the general discussion on the Report and Accounts assurances were given that clear lines of procedure on Area and Branch co-operation with Marks and City Centres would be issued and that the special problems of decentralised control of the London Marks would be given further consideration. N. WOOD (*Beds & Herts*) was disappointed that scarcely any reference had been made in the Report to the need for Toc H to give a firm lead towards racial integration in this country. His attempt to induce the Council to make a 'declaration of intent' did not succeed, but he was assured that the Central Executive was giving full attention to the subject.

G. R. EUSTANCE (*Cent. Exec.*) welcomed all the new expressions of Toc H in the Marks and in Projects. All these were worth our support but we should not treat them



The Projects Team, Jenny Day, John Mitchell and Kenneth Prideaux-Brune, cooking something up.

as a favourite child to the detriment of the Movement as a whole. The old could still be exciting; the new *could* be dull.

Following the proposal in the Report on specific action towards recruitment the Council agreed overwhelmingly to ask every Branch to report to its District Team by November 30 what action it proposed to take, and each District Team to report to Headquarters by January 31 the targets accepted by the Team and its Branches.

New Membership Form.

There were mixed feelings about the proposed new membership application form for use both by Toc H and the Women's Association. Some felt that it was a watering down of the obligations but all agreed that it was right to stress the fact that one joined a Movement, not a particular Branch, and to underline the importance of sponsors. The Council approved the new form, subject to some tidying up of the wording.

Endorsement too was given to the general policy of establishing City Centres where local initiative was ready to go into action. The policy of making available more staff for further development of the Projects, Marks and Centres side of our work was also accepted, though some Councillors sought assurance that a gulf would not be allowed to grow between work on the 'fringe' and the life of the ordinary Branches.

The Report and the Accounts were received.

Central Council Term of Office

Following the decisions of the two Special Meetings of the Council, on January 5 and 19, to increase the term of office of Central Councillors to three years, the Council agreed to the proposal that the country should be divided into three groups of Councillors, one of these groups to retire each year successively. To bring this scheme into operation one group of Councillors at the forthcoming election would serve for one year only and another for two years only. A ballot was taken with the following result:

To serve to 1967 only: SOUTH: Kent (5 seats), O. & T.V. (3), S'thern (5), S. West (8), Surrey (1), Sussex (3), Western (5), S. Wales (3).

To serve to 1968 only: NORTH: Ireland (1), Lakeland (2), Lincs (4), Manchester (4), Marches (1), Northern (4), N. Western (2), Notts & Derby (3), Scotland (4), N. Wales (2), E. Yorks (2), W. Yorks (5).

To serve full term to 1969: CENTRAL: Beds & Herts (3), E. Anglia (5), London Areas (13), E. Midlands (6), W. Midlands (6).

Administration and Organisation

T. A. R. GULLIVER (*Cent. Exec.*) introduced the interim report of the Central Executive on the investigation carried out by Mr. R. P. MALHAN during January/February into the administration and organisation at Headquarters and in the Areas. Councillors approved the suggestion that we

should record our thanks to Mr. Malhan for his magnificent job and to the Burmah-Shell Oil Company for making his services available.



Dr. S. F. Mitchell, Vice-Chairman and Chairman-designate of the Central Executive.

The Central Executive had acted at once on receipt of the Report and these interim findings were something to be getting on with. Certain recommendations had still to be considered, but already some were acceptable, such as reducing the 'span' of direct control of the Administrator, the greater responsibility of Regional Team leaders and fuller consultation with the Area Chairmen. The Report's stress on the value of planning at all levels was fully supported.

No one need think that an Organisation and Methods investigation was an implied attack on those whose work was under examination. We all, whatever our jobs, could reap benefit from someone helping us to a fresh appraisal of our methods and systems of communication. It would hardly be expected that, with so small a staff, large financial economies would result, but a more efficient working could be expected.

H. NAYLOR (*S.E. London*) wished that the Central Council could meet in September so that Councillors could take a hand in preparing the annual budget, and A. FRYMANN (*Chmn., Notts & Derby*) was opposed to the pyramid structure of Regional leadership imposed on Areas, a view which later evoked the suggestion from JOHN GREEN (*Notts & Derby*) to consider how well the Pyramids had lasted!

The interim report was approved.

Staffing Policy

The Hon. Administrator said that through his quarterly bulletin to Councillors they were now in possession of all the economic facts of the situation and he asked for an endorsement of his present staffing policy involving a possible deficit of £50,000 over the next two years. We could no longer cover the country on a one man per Area basis but hoped to put staff where local initiative was ready to be built on in large and growing centres of population. We must be prepared to take on staff for an agreed limited period of years, men able to return to their former profession after making their contribution to Toc H. D. NEWTON (*S.E. London*) was in favour of sowing where the soil was most fertile, but queried the wisdom of letting obsolescent Branches run down. Would not this increase the 'gulf' and could we carry on without their continued financial support?

The Councillors endorsed the staffing policy by an overwhelming majority but not before J. W. GREEN (*Notts & Derby*) had said that they were the wrong people to be consulted and he was heartily in favour of so unwieldy a body as the Council being scrapped altogether!

Stewardship of Money

J. G. TRIMMER (*Southern London*) and H. E. NAYLOR (*South Eastern London*) proposed:

In view of: (a) the decline in the value of money; (b) the urgent need to improve the conditions of service of existing staff as revealed in the Administrator's Report; (c) the need to ensure we obtain and keep the best possible new staff in the future; (d) the need to facilitate and encourage the work of the staff in actively promoting and developing the Movement by existing and new methods, and (e) the present unhealthy state of affairs in which contributions to the Family Purse barely cover half the salary cost of staff and the Movement is forced to depend on the charity of non-active members and bequests of the departed.

This Council calls upon all Branches: (1) To accept as the first financial commitment of the Branch each year a contribution to the Family Purse; (2) To aim to make this annual contribution £5 for each member of the Branch; (3) To raise the money through the self-assessment of individual members and by special Branch efforts.



Col. John Davies (left), Chairman of the Central Executive, and Stan Berwick, Hon. Treasurer, enjoying the sunshine

The movers felt that 'a bob a nob' in these days of rising costs, and when people were spending far more on themselves, was an insult to the Movement. Councillors approved the motion by an overwhelming majority, some pointing out that it would require greater effort and much willingness to think big in special money-raising efforts, as for example celebrity concerts and dances open to the public.

Towards Integration with the Women's Association

A motion was put to the Council:—

Intending that the Movement of Toc H shall become a single association with one constitution, one Central Council, one Central Executive Committee and one headquarters organisation, within which there shall be men's units, women's units and joint units, this Council resolves that the 1924 Resolution deferring the consideration of the election of women to the membership of Toc H sine die, shall be rescinded as soon as possible. With a view to an early demonstrable advance in this direction, this Council directs the Central Executive to invite the Central Executive of the Women's Association to join with it in formulating and implementing such steps towards integration as may be possible before the rescinding of the 1924 Resolution; these steps to include the delegation of a wide measure of authority

to a Central Joint Executive Committee on subjects of joint concern, for example:—

- Ceremonies;
- Terms and conditions of Membership;
- Publications;
- Publicity;
- Recognition of joint units;
- Youth Projects;
- The revision of boundaries between Districts, Areas and Regions;

Stimulating the formation of Joint Teams.

The Central Joint Executive Committee shall be nominated from among their own members by the Central Executives of the two Associations sitting together.

This Council calls for a report from the Central Executive at a combined meeting of the Councils of the two Associations in 1967.

Proposing the motion, R. S. SYMONS (*Vice-President*), who had presided over the long and careful investigations by the joint working committee, showed how complex the problems of representation and responsibility would be during a transitional process, but this resolution envisaged eventually a single Association with one constitution, one Central Council, one Central Executive and one headquarters organisation.

It did not commit us to a definite speed of advance; that we would decide as we went along. Neither did it commit us to any immediate detailed pattern for the integrated whole. Whether there would be women staff for women's units, men staff for men's units, even separate Administrators and separate Family Purses, would still need to be worked out.

H. GELL (*Cent. Exec.*) seconding the motion said that the actual rescinding of the Council resolution of 1924 which barred the way to women's membership of Toc H was not the starting point of the integration process but should be the final act. Miss C. BEAZLEY (*Chairman Women's Assoc. Cent. Exec.*) stated that the terms of this resolution had received unanimous endorsement at their recent Central Council meeting. Perhaps it was this revelation that inspired the Hon. Treasurer to remark, "Let's do it now while they're in the mood, rather than have to go down on our knees to them later!".

Several Councillors spoke of the motion as an important step forward, some referring to the benefits already accruing in closer joint working in their Areas, and the resolution was finally approved with only one hand raised in dissent.

The Branch and Extension

H. BRIER (*West Yorks*) and J. BAYES (*East Yorks*) proposed that:

This Council, convinced of the continued importance and validity of Branch life as a means of expressing the true spirit and aims of the Movement, (a) Calls upon all Branches to ensure that the membership give practical demonstration to this belief; (b) Instructs the Central Executive to give priority, financial and otherwise, to finding and placing suitable Staff members in Areas where they are needed to help in strengthening and extending Toc H.

Although the motion was overwhelmingly defeated as being unnecessary, the movers felt satisfied in that the whole subject had been thoroughly aired. In a Council not especially distinguished for flashing figures of speech John Bayes gave us an analogy that seemed attuned to the present situation. If we thought of the Movement as a tree, with the roots, trunk and branches as the chief components, we should regard the members as the leaves, also performing their indispensable task. Without their capacity constantly to absorb, to breathe in and out, the tree could not last for long.

District Teams

W. R. BURTON and W. SHIELDS (*Northern Area*) proposed:

This Council moves that all District Teams should in future include at least one additional person who may or may not be a member, to be responsible for liaison between members and all other individuals or bodies who have a connection with Toc H, and for the organisation of activities to encourage further interest particularly amongst young people.

The movers felt that most Branches were not sufficiently flexible and open to new ideas to attract young people, and that a properly qualified man on the District Team could exert great influence. He might also strengthen contacts and liaison with youth clubs, youth organisations and youth

councils within the District and help to bridge the gap between Volunteers and Mobile Action on the one hand and the Branch on the other. The motion was carried by an overwhelming majority.

Slides and Tapes

On the Saturday evening DONALD LOCKHART (*Cent. Exec.*), one of the "D.E. Team" to visit Central Africa last July, introduced a series of colour slides of their activities, with a tape-recorded commentary, skilfully composed by Harry Gell, incorporating sound effects and the voices of all the "D.E. Team" members. This brilliant exposition of the value of this medium was an effective trailer for the resolution later introduced by W. WEIR and C. F. WRIGHT (*Northern*):

That the Etembeni Project Slides and Tapes having proved successful both as money-raising media for Etembeni and as an advertisement for Toc H, further slides and/or film strips linked with taped commentaries on projects supported by the Central Executive should be prepared and made available to Branches to help them further interest locally in the work and aims of Toc H.

This motion was carried by an overwhelming majority. D. J. DAVIES (*Southern*) felt that this was one way of ensuring that the stimulus of Jubilee Year was not lost. His Branch already had a register of 'Companions' whose interest could be maintained by invitations to Branch suppers from time to time for a showing of these special slides and filmstrips. C. A. CATTELL (*General Secretary*) reminded us that there was more to making a good tape/slide commentary than met the eye but there was general agreement that there was unlimited scope for the local Branch-produced effort as well as the Headquarters undertakings. He hoped that Headquarters would be allowed to see any good slides or tapes for possible inclusion in Headquarters productions, and reminded us that there was already a list of available tapes, with a North London member, JOE NEAL, acting as registrar.

F. C. CAMPBELL (*Public Relations Secretary*) asked to be informed of any exciting local activities which might be made into a visual story. On the Saturday evening he had

reminded us of the immense opportunities there were for getting Toc H news into local papers, especially if linked with the names of local members, and into business 'house magazines'. Local television was another possibility and we had only ourselves to blame if the T.V. people were not supplied with the right sort of information whenever available.



General Secretaries both. Cyril Cattell with Miss Vera Harley
of the Women's Association.

Enrolment of Builders by Branches

S. V. DEFFEE and S. H. VERRALL (*Western London*)
proposed:

Believing that donors would be as likely to be interested in supporting the local Branches of Toc H as in sending donations direct to Headquarters, this Council agrees that Branches may enrol Builders whose subscriptions would be payable to Branch funds on the understanding that at least 50% of sums so collected would be forwarded to the Family Purse.

This, they pointed out, was the first year in which the number of Builders had decreased, therefore it was time to step up our recruiting efforts. They felt people would

be more willing to give to a Branch whose work they knew and admired than to an impersonal headquarters. S. V. BERWICK (*Hon. Treasurer*) sympathised with this view, with the understanding that it applied to *new* Builders only. Leaving it to the Central Finance Committee to work out the detailed operation of the scheme, the Council passed the resolution with only one dissident.

In so crowded a weekend there was only time to hear briefly from CYRIL MINCHINTON (*Commissioner B.A.O.R.*) and ALAN HILL (*Warden, Loch Eil*). Alan said that, despite the heavy cost, the Loch Eil Board of Management was still carrying on. The 1966 courses of sixty boys each were full up and Branches hoping to send the boys would have to apply a year ahead. He paid tribute to the twelve months of hard work by ANDREW CURRIE in Glasgow to get the Loch Eil Group Scheme (LEGS) on the go.

Thanks and Farewells

The Council paid heartfelt thanks to two members of staff who were retiring this year after many years' devotion to the Toc H cause. Of JACK SHAW (*North Western Area Secretary*) John Jones said that Jack had always been one who approved things that were excellent and took pains to make them part of himself. Of GEOFFREY MARTIN (*Overseas Secretary*) Elizabeth Worth, his 'opposite number' from Crutched Friars, said he was known to Toc H throughout the world for his friendship, his inexhaustible sense of fun, his humility and his loving care of the Old House.

Finally Stan Berwick voiced the thanks of everyone to Colonel JOHN DAVIES, who, after three years as Chairman of the Central Executive was standing down, though continuing to serve as a member of the Central Executive.

And so the Council broke up, having given overwhelming endorsement to a remarkable number of new policies: raising the Branch annual target from 52s.

to £5; committing all Branches to planned recruitment; accepting a deficit of £50,000 over the next two years; major steps towards full integration of Toc H and the Women's Association; a proportionately higher deployment of staff on 'new expressions'; a new membership form; a new approach to the recruitment of Builders.

All this has now to be translated into reality or the title of this year's Annual Report, "Facts and Fantasies", will come back to haunt us. Although the Councillors who voted for these things have now gone out of office they must needs do their utmost, whether they are re-elected or not, to carry their Branches into wholehearted acceptance. If they fail the Council's claim to be a realistic instrument of government will have been called into question. If they succeed then this year's Council may prove to be historic.

APPOINTMENTS

On the proposal of the Administrative Padre, seconded by A. G. C. SAVILL (*Cent. Exec.*) the following appointments and re-appointments as Hon. Association Padres were confirmed:

Overseas: The Rev. K. SHARPE (C. of E.)—Uganda.

The Rev. H. R. BALLARD, M.C. (Cong.)—Australia.

The Rev. E. H. VINES (Pres.)—Australia.

The Rev. J. P. COTELINGAM (Wes.)—India.

All with effect until 31.12.68.

Home: The Rev. J. HULL (C. of E.).

The Rev. C. RUDD (C. of E.).

For period of staff appointment.

THE NEW CENTRAL EXECUTIVE

On the recommendation of the outgoing Central Executive R. ALF COATES, formerly of Johannesburg, was elected by show of hands, on the proposal from the Chair.

Due notice was given to Councillors that A. BEARDMORE and J. B. BRADFORD, members of the Central Executive then in office, would not be offering themselves for re-election.

Full particulars of all candidates had been sent to Councillors beforehand. Fifteen places were to be filled by ballot from among twenty candidates, seven on the London and Home Counties List and eight from the Rest of the United Kingdom.

The Central Executive for 1966-67 consists of fourteen members of the previous year's Executive, two new members and four ex-officio. The two remaining places have yet to be filled by co-option.

ELECTED MEMBERS:

A—LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES: W. HUGH BEETON (*S. London Area*). Col. Sir THOMAS BUTLER, Bt., (*Services Team*). HARRY GELL (*Bromley Branch, S.E. London Area*). TOM A. R. GULLIVER (*Marshalswick Joint Branch, Beds & Herts Area*). DONALD E. LOCKHART (*Berkhamsted Branch, Beds & Herts Area*). HARRY D. MILLS (*Mill Hill Branch, N. London Area*). RALPH S. THORNE (*Hemel Hempstead Branch, Beds & Herts Area*).

B—REST OF THE UNITED KINGDOM: Colonel JOHN A. DAVIES (*Stevenage Branch, Beds & Herts Area*). ROLAND E. GILL (*Caister-on-Sea Branch, Norfolk Division*). COLIN S. GREGG (*General Member, Durham School Correspondent*). ROBERT A. R. LESLIE (*Edinburgh Branch, Scottish Executive*). Dr. S. F. MITCHELL (*Beckley Branch, Sussex Area*). JOHN B. POOLE (*Kettering Branch, E. Midlands Area*). CYRIL A. ROWLEY (*Chippenham Branch, Western Area*). A. GEOFFREY C. SAVILL (*Southern Area*).

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

STANLEY V. BERWICK (*Sevenoaks Branch, Kent Area; Hon. Treasurer*). The Rev. Dr. P. B. CLAYTON (*Founder Padre*). S. GEORGE H. DAVIS (*Hon. Administrator*). The Rev. A. G. KNIGHT (*Administrative Padre*).

Mark Times

I—New Boy Arrives

GEOFFREY BATCHELAR

ON CHRISTMAS DAY 1917 I received as a present a School-boy's Diary and from that moment I have always aimed at making a daily entry. This is what, as a boy of fifteen. I wrote on Sunday, October 9, 1921, with rather more detail than usual: "Sermon by Mr. Clayton of Talbot House. Saw a Butterfly. New Headmaster and Mrs. Talbot visited Haileybury. No lesson in afternoon."

Two or three times each term we listened to a visiting preacher at Morning Service in Chapel, and it so happened that on the day when it was announced that "the Rev. P. B. Clayton of Talbot House" would be the preacher Mr. John Talbot, our new Headmaster, was due at the College. We noticed the coincidence of the two Talbots and the Rev. P. B. Clayton was not at a loss to exploit the situation for as the Chapel-full of boys and masters waited for the customary text there was a pause and then, "I have no connection with your new Headmaster!" It was so very apt and though the details of the sermon may have been forgotten many boys like myself must have seen this address as being their introduction to Toc H, for in later years I met a number of them as well as College servants who would have been present on that occasion and were now staunch members of Toc H.

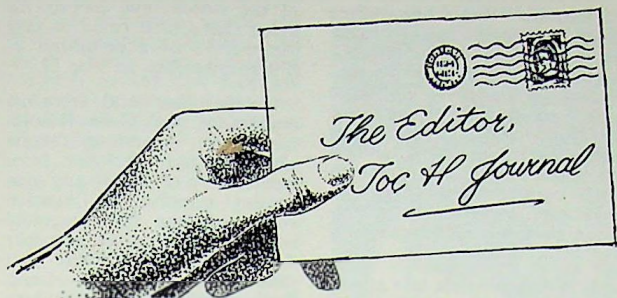
Two-and-a-half years later, having left College, I set about job-hunting. The problem of finding lodgings in London was to find its solution in Toc H. Perhaps Tubby's sermon in 1921 started such a train of thought. In March 1924 my father and I came up to town from our home in Sussex. I had sundry interviews with firms in the City, and one with Tubby at the Porch Room, All Hallows. After

sitting through a lengthy telephone conversation which Tubby was having we had a chat with him. I was so impressed a few weeks later when I received a letter from Toc H Headquarters, then at Mark II, in which the Rev. Harry Ellison, then London Secretary of Toc H, told me that there was now a vacancy at Mark II. Tubby had followed up our chat and passed on my name to H.Q. In May we called at the Mark where 'Uncle Harry' in his basement office took a great deal of trouble in explaining Toc H to me and emphasising the basis of membership and what would be expected of me if I entered the Mark.

After the peace and quiet of a Sussex village London would be very vast and strange, yet at once the warmth of the welcome set my mind at rest, and this very shy young man of eighteen was soon at home. Even the Warden had taken the trouble to write me a note of welcome (as he would not be in when I arrived) and to tell me that my supper would be ready for me!

Rent to Pay.

What about payment? What could I afford? On paper my weekly wage would be thirty shillings. My parents would allow me a pound (more than they could afford). From my fifty shillings I agreed to pay Mark II twenty-eight (less than the average and I realised that I could only do this because others were paying more than the average). After Insurance deductions, I therefore had one pound left to cover six lunches, fares to and from the City, and all other expenses. It was a tight squeeze! But I soon realized the truth of the words of the Toc H Initiation Ceremony (which was actually brought into use a few years later), that Service is "the rent we pay for our room on earth". For me twenty-eight shillings per week was only an infinitesimal fraction of what was due from me. The privileges received in a Mark cannot be paid for only in cash, for there are responsibilities to be met far over and above the financial 'rate for the job'. But for me at that moment it was a question of twenty-eight shillings per week and all found!



...communication...

"A Protest"

I AM GREATLY SURPRISED at John Durham's letter of protest in the April number against your criticism of the failure for some time to appoint a successor to the Rev. Kenneth Slack as Secretary of the British Council of Churches.

If the Church of England or any other Church cannot stand up to a little well-intentioned or justifiable criticism, not confined to Toc H, what are they fit for? Again if public criticism of any person or institution is to be barred because there is no one behind the Editor's chair to give an immediate reply, most of the leaders or correspondence in our Press will have to be scrapped.

Has John Durham never heard of the remark, "Though I utterly abhor your opinions, I would go to the stake for your right to state them."?

CHRISTOPHER PRICE

Fulham.

"Toc H and Faith"

IN THESE DAYS of dwindling membership one sometimes hears the question, "Would not Toc H benefit numerically if there was less stress on its religious basis and on service?" It very well might, but would it still be Toc H?

The last twenty years of comparative peace and increasing affluence have weakened the spring of our Christian faith and witness; Toc H will not recover its original vigour and effectiveness until members recapture the dynamic conviction of God's intimate concern in the affairs of men.

There are many welfare societies, Rotary, Lions, etc., and the State welfare organisations, to meet the material needs of the nation on the purely humanitarian level, but the object and function of Toc H is definitely to work, inspired by the Love of God, "for the setting up of His Kingdom upon earth".

It is the "Four Points" in the final paragraph of the Main

Resolution that one often hears quoted with much emphasis. One seldom hears a like stress laid on the two preceding paragraphs—"To listen now and always for the voice of God", and "To know His will revealed in Christ, and to do it fearlessly". Yet it is upon the earnest and persistent dedication to these two resolutions that the effectiveness of the third depends.

It is only possible in a superficial measure "to think fairly, to love widely, to witness humbly, to build bravely" unless we first deeply appreciate that "behind the ebb and flow of things temporal stand the eternal realities" and with that sense of dependence upon the eternally Faithful, sincerely "listen now and always for the voice of God", humbly seeking "to know His will revealed in Christ". Cut out the heart of Toc H and Toc H is effectively killed.

J. HERBERT CLAY

Cheltenham, Glos.

SURELY THE ANSWERS to the points raised in March by Tommy Thompson are to be found in a careful reading of the Royal Charter, the Main Resolution and the Four Points of the Compass as set out in detail in the Toc H "Signpost". If members are "to seek God" and "to listen now and always for the voice of God" it follows that neither agnostics nor atheists can honestly accept the Main Resolution, even though they may practise Fellowship and Fairmindedness.

As regards the Membership Application form, I disagree completely with Tommy Thompson's suggested addition

of the words "and having the belief that Christ came to save the world" as a condition of full membership in Toc H.

On the other hand, from my reading of the Main Resolution, there is nothing therein which would exclude from membership of Toc H any man holding unorthodox Christian views, whereas this suggested addition would most certainly do so. "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the Will of my Father." The supreme affirmation of Christian discipleship is not "I believe" but "I follow".

TOM ORCHARD

Horsham.

I WOULD LIKE to endorse Tommy Thompson's letter but would suggest that instead of adding the words "and having the belief that Christ came to save the world" those of the Main Resolution are used. Or if not the whole of the Main Resolution then the part beginning "We pledge ourselves" to the end, (but put in the singular, of course).

The purpose of Toc H has never been more clearly nor more nobly defined.

LANCE WRIGLEY

*Mark VII,
London.*

Remembrance

I CANNOT AGREE with Freddie Petch (January JOURNAL). We in Southgate always use the original words at the Ceremony of Light and would not change them as in our opinion they apply to all Elder Brethren irrespective of age or when

they passed on. In my opinion they are beautiful words and if the Ceremony of Light and these words are explained correctly to any new members and visitors I cannot see how they could fail to understand what they imply.

ERIC CUSHEN

East Barnet.

Crossing the Road

I HAVE SOMETIMES WONDERED, whilst helping with the dispatch of the JOURNAL, what vision the word Headquarters conjures up in the minds of members many, many miles away.

Having lived and worked at H.Q. for over two years I could give quite a lengthy account of this hive of activity. First and foremost I would say it is a very human environment in which the Toc H spirit predominates. We have always found it a pleasure to help where we could in the general activities associated with No. 15 because there has never been a lack of consideration, appreciation, or a helping hand when necessary. A very sincere thanks from Gladys and me for our very happy time there.

Now we are going across the road to our Toc H Guild Church. Taking over from 'Tish' will not be an easy task in view of his long service, application to duty and, one must add, his knowledge of every brick and stone of the church. When we take over our new duties I hope we shall have the opportunity of making you very welcome when you visit your Guild Church.

SIDNEY E. HIGBEE

Tower Hill.

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Controversial Crusade

II — Questions and Answers

DR. ROBERT FERN

Dr. Robert Fern, Crusade Associate in the Billy Graham Greater London Crusade, 1966, answers questions put to him by a Toc H member.

Question: How many Counsellors will be ready to go into action when the Crusade starts?

R.F.: The Crusade of course began more than a year ago, and we have 18,000 counsellors gathering to receive training for the meetings in June. Most of them are recommended to us by the churches of Greater London. Only a few come who have not been so recommended, but even they are welcome and do well when once qualified. They come from all parts of London and include students from five theological colleges.

These counsellors are all church-goers. One of the criticisms of the Crusades has been that they attract those people who will never be more than fringe members, who will always be highly critical of the churches and who live on the emotion of evangelical campaigns.

There are some like that but only a small minority. We do not wish to limit the ministry to any single group.

Why won't Billy Graham share his platform with one or more Church leaders of this country?

Because of the nature of the Crusade and its purposes. He is invited by many of London's ministers and conducts the Crusade in line with policies established by the London committee. He has often shared a platform when the objectives of the meeting were different. A Crusade has as its objective the conversion of men and women, young people from all walks of life. A shared platform would make for confusion, and fail in evangelistic purpose.

What do you mean by evangelical?

It applies to one who believes and proclaims the *Kerygma* and makes application of the message to all of life. The *Kerygma* is outlined by Paul as follows: "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures. He was buried, He rose again from the dead the third day according to the scriptures." (1 Cor: 15, 1-5).

There seems to be a strong emphasis on personal responsibility for sin that can give rise to the kind of guilt which leads to mental stress.

I have been doing a follow-up in campaigns for many years and have taken the opportunity to go into the background of the people concerned. In most cases the guilt was there before they came to the meetings and was not created by the preaching. When they had this strong sense of guilt the proclamation of forgiveness in Christ came as a relief.

Do you think this emphasis on personal responsibility for sin is justified? Surely we are all conditioned by circumstances long before we make conscious decisions for which we could be held accountable. The emphasis in the whole biblical approach, apart from the Psalms where there is a lot of personal religion, is on the corporate nature of sin.

Without doubt there is the corporate aspect of sin, but there is the personal and individual aspect as well. Society is made up of individuals, and it is not the combination of good persons that brings sin about, but a bringing together of sinful individuals. If all persons in society were good, then society would be good. Because sin is both against God and man, the observable aspects of sin are those committed against persons, hence the evils of society. Paul said, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief". He recognized the personal aspect of it. Jesus said to the invalid man who was let down through an opening in the roof, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee". To an adulteress Jesus forgave and then said, "Go and sin no more". These and many more place responsibility upon

the individual. We are told clearly, "Be not conformed to this world, but be transformed". The individual is held responsible for this.

Evangelical religion in England in the twentieth century has the reputation of lacking concern for social evils and of saving souls for the "Other World".

I think the 'anti-social' attitude of many evangelicals was more a reaction than a definite conviction. They reacted against a 'social Christianity' that equates programmes of assistance to the needy with the 'evangel'. Now, many are coming to see that there is no conflict here, for social action is a result of evangelism when the 'evangel' is properly interpreted.

Can we then expect that converts from the Crusade will want to co-operate with others in voluntary social service?

Oh yes, but without surrendering their conviction that personal conversion is the beginning of Christian experience as well as the motivation for social action.

We in Toc H welcome co-operation and a mixture of people with varying convictions. We try to bring men and women to discover the relevance of the Christian gospel—this is why we insist on the mixture and on commitment to some practical service. Our appeal is to people to make a beginning by taking action and to think out why and how such action is taken. The approach of the Crusades, on the other hand, always seems to be to the emotions and therefore a large number of people shy away. Do you take account of this?

Human beings have emotions as well as a mind and a will. We believe the appeal must be to the whole personality; unless a man is moved emotionally he will not act.

Yes, but since the last Crusade in Britain one book among many, Dr. William Sargant's "Battle for the Mind" has suggested that the way in which evangelists are using mechanisms in human personality is not very different from the method used by dictators to move an audience.

We have to think very seriously about this whole question and Dr. Graham has spent much time on it. In his preaching he first sets out to diagnose the contemporary situation and appeal to men's minds. After that their emotions must be stirred if they are to respond to his appeal for a decision for Christ. This is quite different to the Hitler approach. The information offered is always open to fair criticism, which it has survived. It is truth presented in such a way that man is called upon to respond. I would say it is free choice by a responsible person.

Elder Brethren

we will remember them

Allan—On March 30, the Rev. Henry Charles George Allan, aged 55, of Duns Branch. Elected 30.1.'54.

Bateman—On March 5, Leslie Bateman, aged 60, of Penrith Branch. Elected 17.1.'64.

Bates—On April 24, in a motor accident, Raymond George Bates, aged 40, a founder member of Kingsbury Branch. Elected 9.6.'61.

Bolter—In March, Rupert Bolter, aged 69, of Cefn Coed Branch. Elected 29.4.'37.

Brett—On April 14, Thomas Jesse Brett, aged 45, of Thornton Cleveleys Branch, formerly of Fleetwood. Elected 15.12.'55.

Delicate—In March, Jerome Delicate, aged 63, of the former Eston Branch. Elected 21.2.'27.

Fletcher—On March 22, Charles Alexander Fletcher, aged 87, of Coney Hall Branch. Elected 20.7.'38.

Hibbins—On January 1, Henry Snelson Hibbins, a Foundation Member and a founder member in Nottingham. Elected 1924.

Humphries—On April 19, William A. Humphries, M.M., aged 80, a Foundation Member, of Leytonstone Branch. Elected 8.1.'21.

James—In March, Ivor James, of Roath Branch. Elected 24.7.'35.

Martin—On April 18, George Frederick Martin, aged 62, of Sanderstead Branch. Elected 4.7.'58.

Pearl—On March 7, William Johnson Pearl, aged 66, of Stanley Branch. Elected 17.2.'65.

Phipps—In March, Harry Percy Phipps, aged 56, of Coomb (Cheshire Home) Branch. Elected 25.9.'65.

Pitt—On April 11, Harold Joseph Pitt, aged 71, of Malmesbury Branch. Elected 25.5.'36.

Poulard—On March 29, Philip Poulard, aged 65, of Norbury Branch. Elected 2.2.'50.

Puckey—In March, John Puckey, of the former Bargoed Branch. Elected 17.5.'57.

Rock—On February 25, the Rev. Joseph Cornelius Rock, aged 77, a founder member of Alvechurch Branch. Elected 17.2.'60.

Stephenson—On February 25, Thomas William Stephenson, aged 74, of Barrow-on-Humber Branch. Elected 18.6.'57.

Tatum—On March 4, the Rev. John Tatum, aged 55, formerly of Tower Hill Branch. Elected 4.12.'34.

In Memoriam

JOHN TATUM

In the nineteen-thirties, when a young man, John joined the office staff of All Hallows and during the Depression years did fine work as an Almoner on Tower Hill and as Warden of a hostel for unemployed at Upper East Smithfield.

Just before the last war he took up a commercial appointment in India and when war came joined up in the Indian Army. It was in 1943/44, when Toc H War Services work was beginning to open up on the Burma front, that John came in to head up the famous Elephant Point Toc H leave camp on the Arakan front. This all-bamboo camp was built in a jungle clearing on a strip of beach south of Cox's Bazaar, not many miles behind the front line. It was perhaps the most imaginative step forward in Forces welfare work in the East, and after its all too brief existence John became an Army Welfare Officer in other parts of India. After the war he returned to this country and was ordained, serving in Croydon and other parishes until increasing ill-health necessitated his retirement. With his great good humour and his capacity for carrying others along with him in doing things that had never been done before, John was the perfect trail-blazer.

J.C.

TOM FRED STAPLES

TOM WAS INTRODUCED to the Branch by the welfare authorities to see if we could find something for him to do in his retirement. At the outset we could see that he was no ordinary chap. He wore a shabby overcoat and trilby and he had been prematurely retired at sixty-one with chronic bronchitis. He lived in a furnished room and fed himself. The local authorities had tried to help him fill his spare hours with occupational therapy and introduction to O.A.P. clubs. Their efforts had been unsuccessful, though the bronchitis was not the real cause of the failure. We soon discovered the snags, for Tom carried a large chip on his shoulder. Everybody was his leaning post and no straight talking was of any avail: in fact his whole life was rather pathetic.

The Branch tried all ways to help. An introduction to a club for the handicapped only resulted in his making the members more miserable, and instead of putting money into the tea plate he just used to put his hand over it. His habits resulted in many moves from his furnished rooms and we often had requests to help find other accommodation and to move his cases.

He came many times to the Branch meetings and I know they were a haven to this eccentric and friendless man. His last few hours before he collapsed and died were spent with us and we were glad that at least he enjoyed this final brief episode in his life.

Afterwards his sister helped fill in the blank spaces of our knowledge. Tom came from a large family and at the age of ten was taken by his aunt to South Wales to be brought up there. This was during the Depression years and the experience seemed to turn his mind towards meanness and eccentricity. In fact his own family called him Scrooge, and the aptness of this was no better illustrated than one year at Christmas when his landlady was

going away. She arranged as a special favour to cook a Christmas dinner for him which she left for him to heat up, all at a cost of five shillings. Late on Christmas Eve he received an unexpected invitation for dinner next day, which he accepted, and when his landlady came back he wrapped up the food she had left, took it upstairs, and asked for his five bob back!

Counterblaste

It was King James I who published a treatise, "A Counterblaste to Tobacco". These lines were suggested to an unrepentant addict by John Callf's "Pipe Dream" in the April Journal.

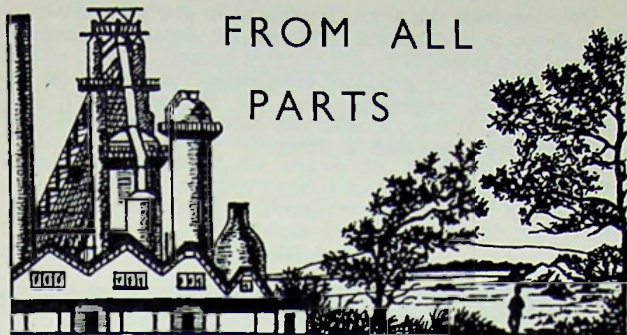
In his decadent twenties John Callf
Was a smoker, — or was he? Not half!
But he dubbed it as folly
And proclaiming, "By Golly!
I'll chuck it." . . . He did. Now don't laugh . . .

For instead of prescribing some pills
To counter the drug and its ills,
"Join the union", quoth he,
"Be non-PLAYERS like me,
But remember Toc H in your WILLS!"

But before he abjured it this chap
Had a Pipe Dream, to put on the map
A place of retreat
Where Toc H-ers could meet,
And his dream was fulfilled in Dor Knap.

So the moral for me and for you,
If we're slaves to the poisonous brew,
Is our yearning to ban,
Give it up if we can;
If we can't, may our Pipe Dreams come true!

BRADDLES.



AREA NEWS

EAST YORKSHIRE

It is always a delight quite unexpectedly to come upon some reference to Toc H in a book or newspaper. Only this morning at the office I received the spring number of the House Journal of the Bowring Group of companies, whose editorial office is in the new and imposing Bowring Building on Tower Hill. In it I discovered a lengthy and well illustrated article, "Toc H—the Sky's the Limit", written by Colin Cuttall, with an excellent full page colour photograph taken from the churchyard of All Hallows.

A few days ago I was told of a recent honourable mention of Toc H in the *Amateur Ciné World Magazine*. Towards the end of last year the Toc H YORK FILM UNIT completed the production of an entirely new film entitled "The Guiding Spirit". This portrays the life and work of Elizabeth Fry in the field of prison reform and concludes with some interesting shots taken at the Elizabeth Fry Home in York. When the film was shown in York for the first time it enjoyed such a splendid reception that the Film Unit was encouraged to enter it in the Ten Best Competition for 1965, sponsored by the *Amateur Ciné World Magazine*. There were between eight and nine hundred entries, including films from California, South Africa and many European countries. The Toc H Film Unit, under the direction of Frank Turner and Stan Cooke, was therefore delighted with the award of a One Star classification, particularly as it was their first entry. During the judging the film was shown over twenty times at the National Film Theatre.

Over the years this Film Unit has given many hundreds of film shows in and around York for the benefit of hospital patients and residents in old people's homes, as well as for charities. It has also produced films about Toc H and lost no opportunity of presenting them for the enjoyment and enlightenment of many groups, thus publicising the Movement and the things for which it stands.

BILL HARDY

NOTTS & DERBY

In this Area we seem always to be fortunate in having the right man, or men, for the job at the right time. One of the most successful jobs has been the Telephone Samaritans. A new one being worked out is entitled SUSI(E) and consists of a group of people willing to Sit Up and Sit In as and when needed.

Actually in operation is an effort of WEST HALLAM (Staton) Branch and Stan Spender to take a party of mentally handicapped youths into the lovely Derbyshire Dales. There were all sorts of problems—transport, clothing and last but not least providing the right kind of boots for walking. However, these were obtained, one pair even being brought from the south. Although it was not a perfect day, Stan and the other helpers found in the job they tackled the pleasure and happiness of service. So successful was the venture, in fact, that it is to become a fortnightly event. I am sure that the lads who went are still telling their parents and friends all about it. As Stan said, "If happiness enjoyed by those less fortunate than us is the yardstick of success then the idea implemented by us ought to apply to every foot of the land".

Mentally handicapped and other patients from Mapperly Hospital are to be taken to a local country inn to meet people from outside. Cigarettes will be provided, with drinks and crisps for the homeward journey. Occasionally we have had the pleasure of taking mixed parties on these outings so that the long stay patients of both sexes have been able to talk to the man or woman in the street and hear new points of view. When some patients have spent most of their life in hospital this is quite an achievement.

In NOTTINGHAM there is a youth club for the mentally handicapped in the surrounding districts. This too is very popular as a lot of them go nowhere else. You really ought to hear the band, but still, it makes a joyful sound!

BERT BOWRING

KENT

On March 30 the Hon. Angus Ogilvy, Vice-Patron of Toc H, went to Gillingham to present to the W.V.S. Meals on Wheels Service the Bedford Van which the MEDWAY TOWNS Branches had decided to make their Jubilee Year target.

The four Branches—Chatham, Gillingham, Rainham and Wigmore—had raised the money by all kinds of special efforts, competitions, and appeals to local businessmen; and the total was swelled by donations from The Good Neighbours Trust and The Royal Dockyard Church Women's Guild.



The Vice-Patron hands over the keys.

A great press of people inside the car showrooms, matched only by the large crowd waiting outside, saw Mr. Ogilvy hand over the keys of the van to the representatives of the W.V.S. Miss Hayne, their County Organiser, said most people expected to *receive* presents on their birthday, but it was typical of Toc H that on theirs they were *giving* a present. Mr. Ogilvy confessed to a slight longing to christen the vehicle with a symbolic bowl of soup!

By sheer coincidence, we are assured, the first on the rota of regular volunteers to drive the van would be one of the Toc H members. So far as we know a good, but not a smashing, trip was enjoyed by all.

J.C.

SURREY AND SUSSEX

It was a big night for East Sussex when well over a hundred people turned up to see 'Doc' Mitchell, Vice-Chairman of the Central Executive, present the Lamp to the new Branch at BEXHILL. Very fitting too for 'Doc' himself had door-knocked over fifty men for the start of the unit seventeen months previously. At that initial meeting trapped in the Chair was Gilbert Francis from Kent, but on this occasion we set him loose to talk on "The horizons a new Branch should strive towards", and he was a great inspiration to us all.

The new group in Ash, Surrey, has created quite a name for itself in the first year of its existence, as the following shows. "A glorious Easter Sunday morning, with the last sound one would expect to hear. The sound of a rattling trolley, topped by a piano, being pushed by four men through the streets of suburbia. The reason: an old couple live in a flatlet, now pianoless, the man hardly able to move from the doorstep, his great joy having been to sit and listen while the old lady played the piano. A girl crippled in a scooter accident has a piano she is no longer able to play. How to move it the four hundred yards to the flatlet? The Jobmaster received a letter telling him the couple could take the piano if it could be got there. The piano was moved and three people are now happy. The job was nothing to boast about but what a challenge to a group just twelve months old to be told by a crippled girl. "Toc H are the only people I know who can help".

Targets and Planning are the two 'hurrah' words at the moment, and as we know from the past these columns have helped in passing on the odd very useful name or two. We would now be glad to hear of any likely contacts in the following places, where new groups are planned before the end of this year: West Sussex, Chichester; South Sussex, Hailsham; East Sussex, Battle; and Surrey, Byfleet.

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SOUTH WALES & MONMOUTHSHIRE

On March 12 a lecture-recital was given by Miss Winifred Ferrier, cousin of Dorothy Atkinson, on the life and work of her sister Kathleen, the world-famous and much loved contralto whose tragic death was mourned by all music lovers. Miss Ferrier emphasized aspects of her sister's life which are less widely known, such as her great industry, and gave delightful unpublished examples of her humour and warmth. Some favourite records and some unfamiliar records were played. The Cardiff Gramophone Society kindly lent and operated their fine equipment, and Mr. Mansell Thomas, former Director of Music of the Welsh B.B.C., was a most eloquent Chairman. We feel that Toc H made many new friends among the large and appreciative audience. The proceeds will augment the CARDIFF DISTRICT fund for the new Centre by over £80.

Thanks to the generosity of the Directors of Coastal Resorts who have presented a very nice twenty-two foot caravan ready for use, and the Directors of the Ham Manor, Llantwit Manor site who have provided a site for the season in lovely surroundings, the Cardiff District Team has been able to progress in its effort to provide summer holidays for needy elderly folk. Friends have contributed some very fine equipment and the new LLANTWIT MAJOR Branch has undertaken the care and control of the project locally.

J. T. & F. L.

EAST ANGLIA

In 1964 SHERINGHAM BRANCH decided to make an Award to the Youth of the town in appreciation of the help young people had given the Branch and to encourage among them "service to the community".

It was decided that the Award should be to the value of £5, the recipient to choose a gift, or he could add the sum to his savings. In addition the Branch has a Roll of Honour, a framed scroll illuminated by a friend of Sheringham Toc H, to which each year the name of the Award winner is added. The scroll is the first of its kind in Norfolk; in 1965 the winner was eighteen-year-old Howard Pratt, a keen soccer player who recently won his way into the Town Senior side. His choice—new soccer boots.

The peace of BRADWELL, near Great Yarmouth, was shattered on a couple of Saturday mornings by the activities of an unsightly crowd of men vigorously clanging a big brass



We've heard of wheelbarrow Christians, but wheelbarrow parsons . . . !
When Padre John Hull joined the Toc H staff recently this wheelbarrow
was a farewell present from the Clacton Sunset Club.

bell which brought scores of residents to their doors to see what all the commotion was about. But they had been previously warned by leaflets pushed through their letter boxes. It was not another invasion by the long-haired morons but their local Toc H Branch on a different kind of skirmish. Up and down the road members could be seen coming from the houses with bundles of newspapers, old clothes, bicycles, wireless sets, prams, a lawn mower, an enamel bath, old furniture, and so on. Following along the road was "Hercules" the horse, with a quickly increasing load on his dray, and his owner busily stacking the contributions as they came.

This collection is being sorted, broken up for scrap, put on sale at a forthcoming Spring Fair, delivered to dealers, or made the subject of a jumble sale as the case demands. Money received from the effort will go into a fund for a caravan to provide needy families with a holiday by the sea. Some ten members were able to join in and had a jolly good time doing it, to say nothing of the impression made on the residents of Bradwell and the light relief brought to an otherwise dull day. There are now more empty spaces than there were in a great many attics, garden sheds and garages!

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